ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a decoding apparatus and control method therefor capable of eliminating visual flaws between frames even if several frames cannot be decoded. The first data is read out (S201), and decoding of the frame data starts (S202). During decoding processing, whether the processing time exceeds a predetermined limit time of decoding processing assigned to the packet is monitored (S204). If decoding processing does not end within the predetermined limit time, only decoded data are written in a memory (S213). This can maintain image continuity.